

Washington, D.C. -- Working to improve traffic flow and safety, Congresswoman Linda Sánchez (CA-39) secured \$2.2 million for the reconstruction of Long Beach Boulevard in Lynwood. These funds were secured as part of the "Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users" (H.R. 3550), also known as TEA-LU. TEA-LU passed in the U.S. House of Representatives by a vote of 357 to 65 on April 2, 2004. The Senate passed their version of this bill on the same day. Currently, House and Senate negotiators are working out the differences between the two versions of the bill.

"From Imperial Highway to Tweedy Blvd, these improvements and repairs will make Long Beach Blvd. and the surrounding streets safer for every driver, passenger and pedestrian," said Congresswoman Linda Sánchez.

This funding will be used to repave the entire street with rubberized asphalt, and will also be used to upgrade the current traffic signals. Additionally, landscaped medians and new street lighting will be added to beautify Lynwood, channel traffic, and upgrade safety for drivers and pedestrians.

In addition, funds will also be used to repair damaged sidewalks and to install wheelchair ramps to ensure that the sidewalks are safe and accessible to all Lynwood residents. These sidewalks will now be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines.

"I am pleased to have secured funding for the reconstruction of Long Beach Blvd. This is one of the heaviest traveled streets in the city and these modernizations and improvements will be of great benefit to the residents and commuters," concluded Congresswoman Linda Sánchez.